THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

W.P.No.16368 OF 2004

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed aggrieved by the action of the respondents in continuing the Rowdy Sheet opened against the petitioner on the file of Nampally Police Station, Hyderabad.

The petitioner states that he hails from a respectable family and that he is eking out his livelihood by doing business. It is alleged that due to certain misunderstandings with the Sub-Inspector of Police, Nampally Police Station, he was implicated in several false criminal cases from the year 1998 onwards. That apart, a Rowdy Sheet has also been opened against him in the year 1999. The petitioner further states that though all the criminal cases registered against him ended in acquittal, and that after the year 2003, no criminal case has been registered against him, the respondents have been continuing the Rowdy Sheet opened against him, which is impermissible under law. Hence, the Writ Petition.

On behalf of the respondents, Sub-Inspector of Police, Nampally Police Station filed a counter-affidavit, in which, the fact that criminal cases registered against the petitioner ended in acquittal has not been disputed. Further the respondents denied the allegation that the petitioner is being called to the Police Station regularly and he is being detained in the Police Station. The plea of the petitioner that no cases are pending against him as on today has been admitted, however, it is stated that since he is an habitual offender, to keep a watch on him, the Rowdy Sheet opened against him is being continued.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, and particularly in the light of the admission made by the respondents in the counter-affidavit that as on today no cases are pending against the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the Writ Petition with a direction to the 1st respondent-Commissioner of Police, to

review the case of the petitioner as to the justifiability or otherwise of continuing the Rowdy Sheet opened against him, and whether the same is in accordance with the Standing Order No.742 of the A.P. Police Standing Orders, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and to communicate the order thereof to the petitioner.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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5th October, 2005.

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05.10.2005

Between:

Md. Feroz Khan. ..Petitioner.

And.

The Commissioner of Police,

Hyderabad and two others. .. Respondents.